completed and commissioned in January 1991. The work on Una-Chuararu Takrala section is in progress. The expenditure upto March' 98 is Rs. 25.39 crs. and an outlay of Rs. 7 crores has been provided in 1998-99 for this work. The target date has not yet been fixed. The work on Kalka-Parwanoo line will be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances and no expenditure has so far been incurred on this line.

(c) and (d) No other broad gauge line is likely to be taken up in 1998-99 and 1999-2000. However, constructoin of Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri line is proposed to be taken up through Satluj Valley Railway Coporation which is being set up as a Joint Venture by the Himachal Pradesh Govt. with participation by the Cement Manufacturers and IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company) on behalf of the Railways. The date of taking up the project is not yet known to this Ministry since the Joint venture is being coordinated by the Govt. of Himahcal Pradesh.

Railway Projects in Assam

2300. DR. ARUN KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rail projects in Assam for which detailed survey work is being carried out alongwith date of first sanction for survey and present status, target date, amount allocated and amount utilised for such work during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion work on Makum-Dangori section, survey of Rangiya-Mukongchelek section and construction of ROBs at Amingaon and Bongaigaon was sanctioned in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The details of surveys begin carried out for Railway Projects falling partly or wholly in Assam is as under:—

(in lakhs of Rs.)

S. No.	Name of Survey/Project	Year of sanction	Amount allotted/Utilised during					Present status	Target for completion of survey and submission of report by the Railway
			Outlay			Actual Expenditure			
			1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98		
1.	Survey and design of Rail-cum-Road Bridge accross river Brahmaputra at Bogibeel	1997-98	Nil	146.50	46.90	6.60	106.90	Survey and investigations in progress	Survey report expected by October, 1999.

(in lakhs of Rs.)

S. No.	Name of Survey/Project	Year of sanction	Amount allotted/Utilised during					Present status	Target for completion of survey and submission of report by the Railway
			Outlay			Actual Expenditure			
			1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98		
2.	Survey for gauge conversion of Rangiya-Bhalokpong (169 kms)	1996-97	1.00	6.25	1.92	1.00	0.07	Surveys is in progress	Survey report expected to be submitted by Railway by January, 1999.
3.	Survey for gauge conversion of Balipara-Murkong-Selek-Rangapara North Tezpur (349 kms)	1996-97	1.00	3.90	3.62	0.60	Nil	Survey is in progress	Survey report expected by December, 1999.
4.	Survey for new line New Moinaguri-Mathabhanga-New Coochbehar-Jogighopa via Boxirhat-Golakgan-Gauripur-Dhubri-Bilasipara-Chapar & other places along NH 31.	1997-98	Nil	1.00	5.25	2.97	Nil	Survey is in progress	Survey report expected by June, 1999.
5.	Survey for new line from Bhairabi Sairang/Aizwal	1997-98	Nil	1.00	1.40	Nil	Nil	Survey is in progress	Survey report expected by December, 1999.
6.	Survey for gauge conversion of Badarpur-Kumarghat-Kathakhal-Bhairabhi, Silchar-Jiribam, Baraigram-Dulabchera	1997-98	Nil	1.00	6.50	Nil	Nil	Kathakhal-Bhairabhi completed and balance is in progress	Work of Katakhal-Bhairabhi already included in the Budget. Survey report of balance work is expected by March, 1999.

(in lakhs of Rs.)

S. No.	Name of Survey/Project	Year of sanction	Amount allotted/Utilised during					Present status	Target for completion of survey and submission of report by the Railway
			Outlay			Actual Expenditure			
			1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98		
7.	Survey for new line from Jogighopa-Silchar	1997-98	Nil	Nil	5.00	Nil	Nil	Survey sanctioned and is in progress	Survey report expected by March, 2000.
8.	Survey for new line from Sarthebari-Changasari	1998-99	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Survey yet to be taken up	Not yet fixed.

NB: Actual expenditure during 1998-99 will be known after close of the financial year 1998-99.

(b) Yes, Sir, except for ROB at Amingaon.

(c) The details of project.

S.No.	Name of the project	Remarks
1.	Conversion of Makum-Dangori section	The work is already sanctioned and will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
2.	Survey for Rangiya-Murkong Selek	Survey of gauge conversion of Rangiya-Bhalukpong completed. Report and estimate are under finalisation and report expected by January, 1999. For Balipara Murkong Selek, Rangpara North-Tezpur survey is in progress and report is expected to be submitted by the Railway by Dec., 1999.
3.	ROB at Bongaigaon	The work included in Budget 1995-96. The general arrangement and drawing and detailed estimate yet to be finalised by the Govt. of Assam. The same is under correspondence with State Government.
4.	ROB at Amingaon	There is no such proposal for providing ROB at Amingaon.

Development of Nagercoil Railway Station

2301. SHRI M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for developing Nagercoil Railway Station as a major railway station;